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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Berkeley—Violence Breaks Out at Pro-Trump Rally

(U) For the second time in a month, Berkeley was the scene of violent demonstrations as supporters of President Trump clashed with counter-protesters Saturday on the streets of the city. Trump supporters were met by a group of counter-demonstrators after marching for several blocks, which led to physical confrontations, according to the Berkeley city spokesman. Ten people were arrested and seven others were injured in the clash. At least some of the counter-protesters appeared to be members of the so-called black bloc, a group that UC Berkeley officials blamed for many of the problems on campus last month.

SOURCE: 5 March 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) San Francisco—Uber Used Fake App and Digital Surveillance to Evade Government Officials

(U) Ride-share company Uber has for years engaged in a worldwide program to deceive the authorities in markets where its low-cost ride-hailing service was resisted by law enforcement or, in some instances, had been banned. The program, involving a tool called Greyball, uses data collected from the Uber app and other techniques to identify and circumvent officials who were trying to clamp down on the ride-hailing service. Greyball was part of a program called VTOS, short for "violation of terms of service," which began as early as 2014 and remains in use, predominantly outside the United States.

SOURCE: 3 March 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia—Most Foreign-Born Terrorists Radicalized 'Years' After Coming to US, Says DHS Report

(U) Washington—Most foreign-born terrorists operating in the United States were radicalized "several years" after entering the country, according to a recently published Department of Homeland Security intelligence assessment. The report is consistent with previous non-governmental data and analysis that has been released over that past few years. The assessment—published internally on 1 March 2017 and confirmed of its authenticity by a DHS spokesman—was coordinated with numerous agencies, including the Department of State, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

SOURCE: 3 March 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) New York—Man Accused of Attempting to Fight with ISIS

(U) New York—A New York man repeatedly traveled to the Middle East to try to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the al-Sham (ISIS) or another extremist group in Syria and later told authorities he'd been prepared to strap on a bomb to sacrifice himself for jihad, according to prosecutors. After police on suburban Long Island arrested Elvis Redzepagic on 2 February on a minor, unrelated charge, he told them: "I'm going to leave this country, and I'm going to come back with an Army — Islam is coming," according to a federal court complaint unsealed over the weekend. Redzepagic "was persistent in his efforts" to join Islamic militants in civil-war-ravaged Syria, making it to Turkey in 2015 and Jordan last

year and even getting to the Syrian border, according to the FBI. Redzepagic is being charged with attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

SOURCE: 4 March 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Pennsylvania—Ransomware Attack Hits State Democrats

(U) Harrisburg—The computer network of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus was hit was a ransomware attack on 3 March, locking 16 lawmakers and their employees out of their own systems. The ransomware, a type of malware, encrypted the data on the Democrats' server and demanded an online payment in exchange for a key code to unlock the system, according to a statement by the Senate Democratic Leader. As of Saturday, the network remained inaccessible. The FBI has been brought in to investigate the cyberattack.

SOURCE: 4 March 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) Tennessee—Bird Flu Found in Chicken Flock on Tyson-Contracted Farm

(U) Lincoln County—A strain of bird flu has been detected in a chicken breeder flock on a Tennessee farm contracted to US food company Tyson Foods Inc, and the 73,500 birds will be culled to stop the virus from entering the food system, government and company officials said yesterday. The facility has been placed under quarantine, along with approximately 30 other poultry farms within a 6.2-mile radius of the site, the state said. The H7 avian influenza (HPAI) bird flu was last found in a commercial turkey flock in Indiana in January 2016.

SOURCE: 5 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas—Three Teenage Girls Kidnapped by Salvadoran Gang

(U) Houston—Two MS-13 gang members from El Salvador, both in the United States illegally, held three teenage girls against their will and killed one of them in a satanic ritual, authorities in Houston said on 3 March. Miguel Alvarez-Flores, 22, and Diego Hernandez-Rivera, 18, was arrested and charged with aggravated kidnapping and murder. The captives were three "young, impressionable women" ranging in age from 14 to 16 who succumbed to the allure of gang life before being taken to an apartment and held there against their will, according to an investigator. The homicide victim, a 15-year-old girl, was believed to be killed in a satanic ritual because she had struck the gang's shrine to a satanic saint.

SOURCE: 3 March 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq—'First Chemical Attack' in Mosul Battle Injures Twelve

(U) Mosul—Twelve civilians were injured in what appears to be the first chemical weapon attack in the battle for the ISIL stronghold of Mosul, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The injuries were apparently caused in two separate incidents when mortar fire hit houses in east Mosul and victims complained of a foul smelling chemical. Five children and two women were treated for exposure to chemical agents, suffering blisters, eye redness, vomiting and coughing, the ICRC said. The substance used was unknown, as was the party responsible for the attack, but the mortars were apparently fired from an area still held by ISIS.

SOURCE: 3 March 2017, [BBC](#)

(U) Jordan—Government Hangs 10 for Attacks Linked to Terrorism

(U) Amman—Ten prisoners with ties to Islamic extremism were executed in Jordan over the weekend, a government spokesman said. It was the largest round of executions in the kingdom in recent memory and the first since pro-Western Jordan launched a crackdown on Islamic extremism two years ago, in response to the killing of a captured Jordanian fighter pilot by ISIS. The assailants executed Saturday for

terror convictions had been involved in six different incidents, from a 2003 bombing attack that killed 19 at Jordan's embassy in Iraq to the September 2016 shooting of local writer Nahed Hattar on the steps of an Amman courthouse.

SOURCE: 4 March 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California—US and Mexico at Odds Over Level of Contamination from Mexican Sewage Spill

(U) Imperial Beach—Coastal regions in the southwestern corner of the continental United States has been affected by what a US report says was an estimated 143 million gallons of sewage released from Tijuana, Mexico, over two and a half weeks due to sewer repair work. The Commission for Tijuana Public Services, an agency of Mexico's Baja California state that did the repairs, challenged those findings, saying the sewage spill lasted only from 1-4 February and that cross-border flows after that were storm water. The International Boundary and Water Commission, a binational office that addresses border disputes over water and other issues, on 2 March promised a report within 30 days. The IBWC said its review will determine how much sewage spilled for how long and identify errors in communication.

SOURCE: 3 March 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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